Dear Bill, 3/8/98

If we'd had the temperatures we usually have during the winter, what disasters have hit some of the country would have been less than here. It has been the wettest of winters but right here virtually no snow. If it had been the usual winter cold we'd have had more than 10 feet of snow last month alone.

It has been my concern over what we've seen on TV could mean for you, other than the coastline slipping into the ocean, that has kept me from writing or phoning, not to catch you when you may be busier than usual, with extra problems. Hope not but from the TV picture we've been concerned that some has reached inland to you.

The real reason I write now is to see if you'd like a copy of a manuscript I have no way of getting retyped and is about a book that is not worth even a second other than for a collection. It is the made-up and worthless ZR Rifle by Claudia Furiati, McKnight asked me to go over it and I have, to about 150 pages. plus a few attachments like an appendix, but in the text. Wrone asked me to do that with another worse than worthless book and I've started that, Twyman's Bloody Treason. While he knows more about the fact of the crime than Furiati does he thinks he is Sherlock holmes and he refuses to see what he does see because it means the opposite of what he wants believed. It a very fat book, about 900 pages, and the hundred or so pages I've read are a complete waste of time.

I do not know if anyone other than McKnight will have any interest in what is tenatively titled Zero Rifle, not ZR Rifle, but before have the copies made commercially I'll wait and see. I have a bit of trouble making more than a few copies at a time now, probably from one of my medical problems.

I have not yet heard from anyone I could ask to make a test in use of the nicer binding on that one O in NO and I've been thinking about it because the velo binding is a terrible problem for you(plural). If the people who did it think it will hold up, OK let us switch to that and save you(plural)that much time that you really do not have- and we do appreciate bery much. (We are not yet out of Whitewash but we are getting there. Sales are worse than I can remember. I think the appointment of the ARRB had led many people to expect the impossible of it, a solution. And that the Stone movie contributed to that.)

When the days get longer light stimulation of the pituitary of fowl trigger their reproduction. We have a paid of Canadian geese, honkers, who nest here and a pair of mallards to whom an extra male has attached himself for some years. He never mates with the female, never gets close, but when she is near them the males are not as friednly as when she is not. I look out the window and see they've come

for the feed that got consumed during the night. The animals lap the corn up, even the deer, who come that close to the house, they are that hungry. (The ducks actually go up the kitchen steps and look at the door so we have to open it carefully.) Too many deer with no predator and I fear they'll be stunted unless the population is reduced.

I've been expecting the retyped Hersh-It Journalism: Faking Kennedy for a few days. I'll read and correct it as soon as I can and I'll let you know when to expect a disk. It may be on loan but you'll get one.

I expect a report soon from the ARRB on its depositions of Humes and Boswell and perhaps more on the medical evidence. They will not say so but they picked up where I left off in Post Mortem.

The Wash. Post did no story on the long-suppressed Bay of Pigs CIA inspector general's report. I suppose your papers out there did report it.

Hope El Niño has not continued so unkind to you all,

Harold